

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the first full paragraph on page 19 and replace it with the following new paragraph.

Then the second portion 10B of the inner plug 10 is drawn out from the ink suction nozzle 21 in order to change the ink cartridges. The material of the inner plug 10, the height of the hooks 15, and the like are selected so that the strength of engagement between the third portion 10C of the inner plug 10 and the ink charge port 2 is not smaller than 50N. With this arrangement, the inner plug 10 cannot be drawn away from the ink container body 1 by the force which pulls rightward (as seen in Figure 5) the inner plug 10 in response to drawing out the second portion 10B from the ink suction nozzle 21. The strength of engagement between the third portion 10C of the inner plug 10 and the ink charge port 2 is set to be as described above on the basis of the assumption ~~consumption~~ that the hooks 16 are not engaged with the pistons P.